The Trade Agency and Sales Depot at Bombay which was opened as a Government concern for popularising and extending the introduction of Travancore products into the foreign markets is proposed to be handed over to an agency initiated by the various Chambers of Commerce in the State who are naturally interested in the industrial and trading activities of the State. The Sales Depot at Trivandrum has been doing useful work and its continuance has been provided for.

20. *Co-operative Department.* It has been brought to the notice of Government that there is some tardiness in the progress of liquidation work in the Co-operative Department owing to the inadequacy of the executive staff. To remedy this state of affairs, an additional temporary staff of 10 Inspectors for liquidation work is proposed to be appointed next year. The usual subsidies to non-official Co-operative bodies such as the Supervising Unions and Co-operative Conferences are proposed to be continued next year also. The payment of an annual subsidy of Rs 500 to the Gorasa Vyavasaya Co-operative Society Ltd., Neyyattinkara, has also been provided for. Provision has also been made for placing the services of a trained Inspector of Co-operative Societies at the disposal of the Central Produce Society Ltd., Alleppey, a Co-operative Non-Credit Society organised on the recommendation of the Devadhar Committee.

21. *Uplift of Backward Communities.* It has always been the aim of Government to increase, as far as possible, from year to year, the budget allotment for expenditure on account of ameliorative measures for the uplift of Backward communities and for the ensuing year a provision of Rs 40,000 (Rs 30,000 in the Revenue Budget and Rs 10,000 under Debt Heads for the advance of loans to Backward communities for putting up houses) has been made as against the current year's provision of Rs 20,000. The main items of ameliorative work carried out by the Department for the protection of Backward communities are the grant of educational concessions such as the supply of books and school accessories to children of Backward communities, the award of grants-in-aid for industrial purposes, concessional registry of land in favour of members of Backward communities, the provision of wells, burial grounds, common buildings and other amenities and the establishment of model colonies where members of Backward communities are provided

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